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1. ON FEBRUARY 27, MINISTER OF STATE AHMAD ABDU SAID DISCUSSED WITH ME BRIEFLY THE FEBRUARY 15 MEETING IN QATABA BETWEEN PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI AND PRESIDENT SALIM RUBAY'I ALI. SAID ECHOED WHAT HAD EARLIER BEEN TOLD ME BY PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI (SEE SANA 813) THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING A DIALOGUE WITH PDRY BUT HAD NOT BEEN MARKED BY ANY SIGNIFICANT OR DRAMATIC BREAK-THROUGH, DESPITE RUMORS IN SANA TO THE CONTRARY. SAID SAID THAT PRESIDENT HAD GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THIS IN HIS BRIEFING SESSIONS WITH THE YEMENI CABINET AS WELL AS WITH HIGH RANKING MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS.

2. SAID CONTINUED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE
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PRESIDENTS MEETING AS WELL AS THE MEETINGS OF THE VARIOUS JOINT COMMITTEES ARE TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH THE SOUTH IN ORDER (A) TO HEAD OFF ANY POTENTIAL TROUBLE WHICH MIGHT ARISE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS TO (B) ENCOURAGE MODERATION THERE. SAID SAID THAT THUS FAR THE ONLY REAL PROGRESS MADE IN THE

JOINT COMMITTEES HAS BEEN ON ECONOMIC MATTERS
SUCH AS EASIER USE OF THE ADEN PORT BY YEMENI
MERCHANTS. SAID ADDED THAT EVEN IN THIS AREA,
HOWEVER, PROGRESS HAS NOT BEEN GREAT WHILE IN
INSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS MOVEMENT HAS
BEEN NIL. SAID CONCLUDED AS THE PRESIDENT DID
EARLIER THAT YEMENI GOVERNMENT HAS NO ILLUSIONS
ABOUT THE SOUTH AND STRESSED THAT YEMEN WOULD
NOT BE TAKEN IN.
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